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- 11. Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Janice Miller, Assistant Director of Economic Affairs at Jamaica's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT), on January 8.
- Miller indicated that the Jamaican Parliament must vote to ratify the Montreal Convention. The Minister of Transport introduced the bill in Parliament for a first reading in November, ¶2008. Miller said she expected a second reading and subsequent vote to occur relatively quickly, but could not provide a specific time frame. She stated that Jamaica remains committed to ratifying the Convention, and said the MFAFT will keep the Embassy apprised of the progress. Post will report accordingly.

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